

Congressman Walz Appropriations Project Request Form Fiscal Year 2011

Please return entire application packet via e-mail to Congressman Walz's office no later than Friday, February 19, 2010. Email all information to Congressman Walz's Outreach Director at matthew.wohlman@mail.house.gov

Forms must be completed using Microsoft Word – no handwritten forms will be accepted.

In addition to this form, a signed request letter (on applicant's official letterhead) from the submitting government unit, company or organization must be included:

- For non-profit groups, the letter should be signed by the CEO or executive director.
- For municipalities, other local units of government and State agencies, the letter should be signed by the most senior elected official (i.e. Mayor, County Board Chair, Sheriff, County Attorney, and Governor).
- The letter and form should be scanned and e-mailed to matthew.wohlman@mail.house.gov. Due to delays in mail processing for Congressional offices, regular mail is regrettably not an option.
- The letter should discuss why the project would be a good use of taxpayer funds, what percentage of funding for the project would come from non-federal sources, how many jobs the project would create, the project's impact on southern Minnesota, the breadth of local support for the project and what the project's specific goals are and how the project's leaders measure progress toward those goals.
- **Project requests that are received after the February 19 deadline or that do not include a signed request letter will not be considered.**
- Any additional letters of support from local officials are also welcome.

In addition, if you are requesting federal funding for multiple projects, you must attach a letter, from the same submitting agent as the letter above, listing all of the project names and funding amounts you are requesting. The projects should be listed in priority order; with the first project being your top priority, and so on.

If you have supporting documentation, including project drawings, economic impact studies, governmental resolutions or other materials that show broad public or coalition support are welcome to be submitted with the application.

Congressman Walz believes that the federal appropriations process should be conducted with the maximum degree of transparency. **Applicants should be aware that our office will release to reporters and post on our website a public list of all requests submitted to the Appropriations Committee, the dollar amount of each request, and the name of the requesting organization.** In addition, our office reserves the right to contact you in the future

and request more information about your project should it receive federal funding, including tracking the project and its economic impact.

In addition, it is possible that public hearings will be held to give you an opportunity to testify on behalf of your project. If a public hearing is scheduled, you will be given notice at least seven business days before the hearing, to give you time to prepare.

Please note the following:

- The federal appropriations process is lengthy and is poorly suited for projects that require a specific amount of funding by a date certain. If you have such a project in Minnesota's First Congressional District, our office can help you find other funding options, such as federal grants. Please contact our office for assistance.
- Due to limitations enacted by the House Appropriations Committee, Congressman Walz may not be able to request every project that is submitted. As a result, submitting this form does not guarantee that your project will be requested or that funding will be secured. In addition, Congressman Walz will review every application and look to secure funding for projects that have strong local support, create jobs in southern Minnesota and/or have a transformative impact on the region.
- Congressman Walz does not submit requests on behalf of for-profit companies.
- Congressman Walz does not consider requests that are not based in Minnesota's First Congressional District or that do not have a significant impact on the First District.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit an appropriations request to both Minnesota Senators, as well.
- After submitting this form, Congressman Walz's staff will likely need to contact you with time-sensitive questions about your project. Please be ready to respond quickly to any questions that may arise.

PART 1 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

1. Please initial to acknowledge the following:

- **The appropriations process is lengthy and uncertain and is unsuitable for projects that require funding by a date certain.**
- **Submitting this project request does not guarantee that the request will be submitted to the Appropriations Committee or that it will receive funding.**
- **No requests on behalf of for-profit corporations will be submitted.**
- **Only projects based in Minnesota's First Congressional District or of clear benefit to Minnesota's First Congressional District will be submitted.**
- **None of the funds received through this appropriations request will be used to lobby federal officials.**

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PART 2 – GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Name of Project:

Child Care Resource & Referral, Boys & Girls Club of Rochester and Tri-Valley Head Start Collaborative

1b. Is the project located in Minnesota's 1st Congressional District?

Yes – in Rochester

1c. Please indicate all other Members of Congress you are submitting this request to (NOTE: the more support for a project, the better). If you are not submitting this application to Minnesota's U.S. Senators, please explain why:

Senator Franken
Senator Klobuchar

2. Summarize your project in 3-4 sentences. If you secure federal funds for this project, how long will it take for the project to be completed?

- The project will increase capacity for Head Start by 70%, add a new Early Head Start program, increase Migrant Head Start capacity by 43% and increase Boys & Girls Club capacity by 50%.
- It will enable the collaborating agencies to provide a web of services from birth through high school graduation in a neighborhood-based family and youth center.
- The building will be used for up to 14 hours a day by the agencies and reduce operating costs for each.
- The project generate an ROI of between \$4 and \$7 for every \$1 invested.

The project will be completed and the building occupied by end-2011.

3. How much are you requesting in federal earmark funds in FY2011?

\$2,000,000 (two million dollars)

4. What is the total project cost? What is the exact percentage breakdown of funding for the project (i.e. what percentage of the total cost will come from the federal government, state government, local governments, private sector, etc.)? Has all non-federal funding already been allocated? If not, what is the likelihood that non-federal funds will not materialize?

(note: some funding agencies require non-federal project funding matches)

The total project cost is estimated to be \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars).
The anticipated breakdown of funding is:

Federal government: 30%

State government:

Local governments: 10%

Private sector (individuals, corporations and foundations): 60%

A capital campaign was started in 2009 for this project. This capital campaign is planned to be completed by June 2011.

5. a) If you receive this funding, will the project be completed or self-sufficient? If not, why not?
b) When do you anticipate that this project will be completed or self-sufficient?
c) For how many additional years do you anticipate asking for funding?

This funding will be part of a total investment of \$10,000,000 which is anticipated to be raised by mid-2011. This funding will pay for the total costs of the building.

Child Care Resource & Referral, Boys & Girls Club of Rochester and Tri-Valley Head Start will each provide programs and services in this facility which will be funded by community donations and government grant raised annually as such programs are funded presently.

Government grants for operations are requested through Head Start, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and other government departments.

6. Have you received federal funding for this project in the past? Please list the fiscal year and funding level.

- a) was the funding received through a grant?
b) if the funding was received through an appropriations bill, please list which bill provided funding and at what level.
c) list the source of all non-carmark federal money the project has received (i.e. from the ARRA, formula funds, etc.).

Head Start: \$487,500 ARRA funding committed in 2009.

7a. Which Appropriations bill should your project be funded within?

- Agriculture
- Commerce, Justice, Science
- Defense
- Energy and Water
- Financial Services
- Homeland Security
- Interior and the Environment
- Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
- Legislative Branch
- Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs
- State and Foreign Operations
- Transportation and Housing and Urban Development

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education

7b. Which department, agency and account should your project be funded within?
(For example: USDA's CSREES account; HUD's EDI account; FHWA's TCSP account.)

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Per 2/17 telephone call with Matthew Wohlman, it is ok to leave this blank

8. Please confirm that your project is eligible to receive funds by contacting the relevant federal agency. Please list the name, title, agency and contact information of the person with whom you confirmed your project's eligibility below.

Enter information here

Confirmed with:

Shirley A. Mojica M.ed

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Administration for Children and Families

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9. What specifically would this funding be used for? Please be specific: construction, environmental impact statement, staff salaries, etc.

The funding will be used for construction of a neighborhood-based family and youth center to address the growing needs of lower income and minority families in Rochester, MN. Child Care Resource & Referral and Boys & Girls Club of Rochester have created a partnership to build a new facility on Center Street that will provide continuous services and support for children and families from pre-natal to high school graduation. The collaborating organizations plan to invest \$10 million to build a 52,000 square foot, shared facility.

10. Has this project been authorized in federal law? If so, please provide authorization bill.

The project has not been authorized in federal law.

11. (Transportation requests only) Is this project in the STIP? Is it supported by MnDOT? Please attach a letter of support from MnDOT for the project.

Not applicable

12. (Transportation requests only) Matching funds of at least 20% of the total project cost are required for transportation projects. Matching funds cannot be federal funds. Please provide the source and amount of matching funds.

Not applicable

13. (Army Corps of Engineers requests only) Is funding requested for a study or construction? Please provide the Congressional Authorization for this project (Public Law# and Section).

Not applicable

PART 3 – PROJECT INFORMATION:

1. What is the justification for the project? Why is it a good use of taxpayer funds?

(ie: Why is the project needed? What problem will it solve? What gap will it fill?)

Many children do not have adequate support to meet their educational, health and social needs.

- Less than half of the young children in Olmsted County enter kindergarten ready to learn.
- Over 1,300 children below age 5 living in low income families qualify for Head Start but Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) does not have capacity to serve them.
- Over 3,000 students in the public school system have been identified as being in the achievement gap by Rochester Public Schools.
- Academic achievement gaps increase as children grow older and result in higher costs to our community (e.g., delinquency, crimes and incarceration) and other social problems which negatively impact the quality of life for everyone in Rochester.
- Currently, 28% of Rochester's school-aged children live in low-income households.

This collaboration will bring cradle-to-college services to lower income and minority families that provide a constancy of support and resources for preschool school readiness during the day and a safe and healthy environment for school-aged youth after after school and summers.

CCR&R Head Start and Boys & Girls Club programs have a proven record of effectiveness.

- Head Start children demonstrated an increase in school readiness proficiency from 28% to 90% in one year.
- Boys & Girls Club members surveyed said they do better in school (64%), stay healthy (72%), avoid risky behaviors (78%), and have a sense of belonging (81%) as a result of participating at the Club.

2. How many jobs will this project create in southern Minnesota?

The additional Head Start and Boys & Girls Club programs and services will create 36 permanent new jobs.

The building phase of the project is estimated to create 100 jobs over a one-year period.

3. How will the project transform southern Minnesota? (ie: Will it bring cutting edge technology to the state? Lead to new businesses or commercialization opportunities? Help Minnesota compete for government and industry contracts? BE SPECIFIC.)

Investment in this unique collaboration will have economic and social benefits that will impact Rochester for the next 30 to 40 years, including:

- Preparing children and youth to become productive citizens, capable of doing skilled jobs in Rochester and competing in the global economy.
- Providing a web of services from birth through high school graduation in one location.
- Enhancing the blighted southeast Rochester neighborhood by building a vibrant "community center".
- Improving safety and lowering crime.

4. What are the primary project objectives? List your top 3-4 project objectives and describe your plans to achieve these objectives. In addition, please explain how you will measure progress toward these objectives and hold your organization accountable for meeting them.

The primary objectives are:

- Bringing cradle-to-college services to lower income and minority families that provide a constancy of support and resources for preschool school readiness during the day and a safe and healthy environment for school-aged youth after after school and summers.
- Increasing the numbers of children,youth and families receiving these services:
 - Child Care Resource & Referral to increase capacity for Head Start by 70% from 286 to 486 children by adding classrooms (an Early Head Start program has been added to serve 96 pregnant women, infants and toddlers in Rochester.)
 - Migrant Head Start to increase capacity by 43% from 46 to 66 children.
 - Boys & Girls Clubs to increase capacity by 50% from 1700 to 2550 registered Club members.
- Lowering operational costs for each organization by sharing a single facility and efficient building layout.

Each organization measures the outcomes of its services, including increases in school-readiness, school attendance and performance, participation in programs and qualitative assessments.

5. What other partners (universities, businesses, groups) are involved in this project?

The partners in this collaboration are:

- Child Care Resource & Referral
- Boys & Girls Club of Rochester
- Tri-valley Head Start

Note: Please attach any additional information you think would be useful in describing your project.

PART 4 – CONTACT INFORMATION:

Requesting Organization (if this is different than the organization that should actually receive federal funds to execute the project, please also specify which organization should be the recipient of federal funds):	Child Care Resource & Referral				
Address:	126 Woodlake Drive SE				
City:	Rochester	State:	MN	Zip	55904
Point of contact at organization for Rep. Walz's staff to contact	Kristine Stensland		Title:	Development Director	

with questions					
Phone:	(507) 287-2020	Fax:	(507) 287-2411	Cell:	(317) 650-2760
Email:	kristines@c2r2.org				

Contact information for head of organization for Rep. Walz to contact		Patrick Gannon		Title:	Executive Director
Phone:	(507) 287-2020	Fax:	(507) 287-2411	Cell:	(507) 271-2403
Email:	patrickg@c2r2.org				

Agency Sponsor: (Include the name and contact information of any federal agency representative who supports your project request)			
Agency:	Not applicable		
Contact Person:		Title:	
Phone:		Email	

PART 5 – FOR DEFENSE REQUESTS ONLY:

If you are requesting funds from the Department of Defense, please provide the following information, in addition to the above.	
Budget Account and Service/Agency: (ie: R&D, Army; O&M, Air Force; R&D, Air Force)	Not applicable
Program Element:* (for R&D projects only)	
Line Number:* (for procurement and R&D accounts)	
Line Item Title*	
Does this project fulfill a validated military requirement? If so, please cite the relevant DOD documents.	

* These can be found in FY2008 P-1 and R-1 documents on the DOD comptroller website: www.dod.mil/comptroller



Ensuring positive beginnings for all young children and their families

Child and Adult Care
Food Program

February 18, 2010

Child Care Assistance

Congressman Tim Walz
630 N Riverfront Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Circle of Parents

Congressman Walz:

Crisis Nursery

Please accept the attached Appropriations Project Request from Child Care Resource & Referral. The request is for \$2 million to fund a collaborative project between Child Care Resource & Referral Head Start, Boys and Girls Club of Rochester and Tri-Valley Migrant Head Start.

Head Start

The agencies will build a facility in which a continuum of services will be provided for families from pre-natal supports for pregnant women to high school graduation. The outcomes data provided in the Appropriations Project Request illustrates this project will have a transformative impact on the region – for decades.

Resource
and
Referral

Thank you for your consideration of the request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick E. Gannon".

Patrick E. Gannon
Executive Director

School Readiness

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Rochester Public Schools' Community Education

Independent School District #535

201 NW 8th Street • Rochester, Minnesota 55901

Director of Community Education • Telephone (507) 328-4003 • FAX (507) 328-4015

February 16, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Head Start and Migrant Head Start play an important role in preparing the young children in Olmsted County for kindergarten. These programs work closely with the Rochester Public Schools to meet the goals of school success for young children and their families. In the past, Head Start classrooms were located in our public school buildings. Now due to growth in the school age population, the spaces in the school buildings are no longer available to serve early childhood programs. This growth is mirrored in the increase in the number of preschoolers, creating a demand for additional quality early childhood space. Currently, Head Start is "making do" with rented space in various church facilities; however, these spaces do not meet state licensing requirements or the needs of children and staff in a comprehensive early childhood and family program.

I strongly support the proposal being put forward that would co-locate Head Start, Migrant Head Start and the Boys and Girls Club in one facility. This plan will best serve the needs of the children and their families while being cost effective.

Sincerely,

Jackie Silver, Ph.D.

Director of Community Education

Rochester Public Schools



HEAD START

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.

Administrative Office

PO Box 607 102 North Broadway

Crookston, MN 56716

218-281-5832 ~ 1-800-584-7020

Fax: 218-281-6676

March 11, 2009

Dear Ms. Simar:

Please accept this letter of support for Child Care Resource and Referral facility grant application. Our programs have worked together in a planning partnership for the past few years regarding collaborative efforts to expand our services to children and families in the community.

The existing facilities do not meet the needs of the children and families in the community of Rochester. The collaboration between the Boys & Girls Club and the CCR&R and our Migrant Head Start programs will support continuity of programming and transition for children and families

I think that this is an important facility project. It will benefit the community at large by providing both a facility and collaborative programming for children and families to reach their full potential.

I give my full support to the grant application and I look forward to a lasting partnership.

Sincerely,

Laurie Coleman, Head Start, Child & Family Programs Director

ROCHESTER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEADERSHIP: GREATER ROCHESTER

2 May 2007
Rochester, Minnesota

To Whom It May Concern:

We the Leadership Greater Rochester class of 2007 declare our enthusiastic support for the new community partnership between Boys & Girls Club of Rochester, Child Care Resource and Referral Head Start, and Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. Migrant Head Start. We wholeheartedly endorse their goal of obtaining a new facility that will allow them to combine their resources in a single location to increase and elevate their level of service to the greater Rochester community.

We are a group of more than 30 emerging leaders in the Rochester area who were selected in summer 2006 to participate in an annual leadership training program sponsored by the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce. As part of our training experience we are required to select, plan and carry out a community impact project. We as a class explored several worthy possibilities, but we kept returning to the issue of unmet children's needs. We learned that 90% of the unmet needs in the Rochester/Olmsted County community relate to the welfare of children, as assessed by our local United Way, and we were sobered by the information we gathered about school readiness, poverty, and social problems among our community's youth.

After weighing all available information, we chose to support the collaboration between the Boys & Girls Club, Head Start, and Migrant Head Start with our time and energies. We aim to increase community awareness of children's unmet needs and the work of these excellent partners in addressing those needs, with a two-fold goal: to motivate the community to greater action in meeting children's needs, and to significantly accelerate the timetable for construction of a new integrated facility that will allow these partners to fully realize their potential for service. We have chosen as our mission:

*"Raising awareness of the needs of children in our community
while fostering partnerships to better serve area children and their families."*

We are unreservedly enthusiastic about this partnership and its potential for good in the greater Rochester community. In addition to giving the partners access to each others' programs and expertise, their collaboration will enable them to share resources, streamline operations, and offer a previously unavailable and virtually barrier-free continuum of services to children and youth aged 6 months to 18 years. The site of the proposed center is in a nearly perfect location on the University Center Rochester campus. Besides being in very close proximity to several neighborhoods with the greatest need for the partners' services, the location naturally promotes additional collaborations with higher education and other potential partners; it is within easy walking distance of Olmsted Medical Center Hospital and Olmsted County Social Services, and it is accessible by public transportation. We are of the opinion that this integrated model will achieve an unprecedented level of service to children and their families in our community, and that it can serve as a standard of collaborative service for communities everywhere.

The Leadership Greater Rochester class of 2007—

Mike Mullen Mayo Clinic	Michelle Dodd Think Credit Union	Josh Studier Seneca Foods Corp.	Cathy DeVos Mayo Clinic	Corey Heimer Premier Bank Rochester	Joleen Mittelstadt Eastwood Bank
Sharon Bradley Merchants Bank	James Reritz Rochester Public Library	Jenn De Clerq Olmsted Medical Center	Tom Halvorsen Mayo Clinic	Brenda Kulow King Rochester Area Family Y.	Jesse Truax Associated Bank
Terry Eckstein McNeilus Companies	Kristy Mintz Rochester Post-Bulletin	Jason Sandberg Paaps Energy Services	Jaimi Stejskal Sunstone Hotels	Brandon Vagt Weiss Builders, Inc.	Angelique Jameson Wells Fargo Bank
Jade Rowland University of Minnesota Rochester	Jesse Berg Canadian Honker Restaurant	Jenny Hegland Winona St. University— Rochester Center	Ben Boldt Rochester Amateur Sports Commission	Anna Pingree Rochester Community and Technical College	Peter Dokken Keller Williams
John McMahon Custom Alarm/Custom Communications, Inc.	Rebecca Bolig The Homestead at Rochester	Robert Baudhuin Home Federal Savings Bank	Brittney Lutjen Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc.	Erik Lundquist Marill Lynch & Company	Bruce Wislusz Wireless Toyz
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